

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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Introduced by: Ruppel

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to mark the centennial celebration of the North Manchester Public Library.

*Whereas, The community of North Manchester is proud to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their public library;*

*Whereas, In the great tradition established when Benjamin Franklin drafted the articles of agreement in July, 1731, to create the nation's first library of books, the North Manchester Women's Club held a "book shower" and opened the first North Manchester Public Library in 1908;*

*Whereas, The first library was located in the Town Hall, and the Manchester Women's Club members took turns serving as librarian;*

*Whereas, the first library board was appointed in 1909, and in March, 1910, the community received a donation from Andrew Carnegie for \$10,000 which was used to construct a community library on Main Street, a site that is now an Indiana*



*Historic Landmark and on the National Historic Register;*

*Whereas, Through the years, as the library collection and services expanded, so did the need for a new facility. The new North Manchester Public Library, a gift from the Mary K. Peabody Foundation, opened on October 9, 1995, and serves as a place for retreat, education and inspiration for the North Manchester community: Therefore,*

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the North Manchester library board, employees, and volunteers, as well as the North Manchester community, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the North Manchester Public Library.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the North Manchester Public Library.

